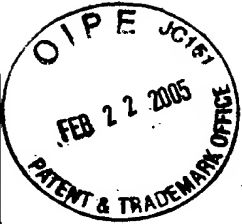


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In response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2004, please amend the  
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